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SITUATION IN SOMALILAND.
Further Trouble Expected in Near
Future.

The Times of India's Aden cor-
respondent writing on September 29
says:—Affairs in Somaliland have taken
a quieter turn during the past fortnight.
There have been no further raids by the
Mullah in the British protectorate and
things are reported to be quiet at Shalki
and Berbera at the present moment.
Mr. Archer, the acting commissioner, has
returned to Berbera, and the Mullah's
men who lately attacked the camel corps
are reported to have returned to the
Nogal and have taken with them all the
camels and cattle, said to be consider-
ably over 2,000, which they recently cap-
tured from the Dohbahanta and other
tribes. The friendly relations between
the Mullah and the British have been
said to have come down to the cross and some of them
are said to be intending to emigrate to
the Ogaden country.
The 300 men of the 1st Infantry who
were recently dispatched from here to
the Somali coast are reported to be
stationed in Berbera, and Shalki and
their appearance will undoubtedly have
some salutary effect. It seems unlikely,
however, that the Mullah will remain
quiet for any length of time. Recon-
noitering parties of the Mullah are now
reported between Berbera and the Nogal
and it is possible we may hear of further
serious raids in the near future. The
Mullah is said to be determined to
exterminate the friendly or enemy tribes
to join his standard and to occupy Berbera,
intercepting the caravan routes leading
to Berbera. As I write I hear that a
force of the Mullah has advanced on
Berbera and destroyed by fire all the huts
there. It is rumored that the authori-
ties at Berbera are going to enlist about
600 Somali recruits and send them to
Berbera.

PORT HARCOURT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S NAME IN NIGERIA.
The sanction of the Imperial Govern-
ment has been given (says Reuter) to
the details of the important railway scheme for
the further development of Nigeria. The
terminal point of the line, which will be
some 400 miles in length and will probably
take three years to construct, has been
fixed at Igbo-ora, at the head of the Bonny
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"Macbeth" Played in Tokyo.

A Japanese version of "Macbeth," translated by Dr. Mori, has been performed at the Imperial Theatre, Tokio, by the Kindai Geki Kyokai, an amateur dramatic society having a membership of more than fifty. In a critique of the performance contributed to the "Japan Advertiser," Akimoto-Shun writes: The scenery and costumes were fine, and the acting admirable. Everything was splendid for an amateur's performance. It was a great success, at any rate, a greater success than the Faust presented by the same society a short time ago. Did the audience fully appreciate the enormous pains taken by the actors and actresses as well as the translator and those responsible for the scenery, light and music? Was the play enjoyed, if not appreciated? Both questions naturally arise, but can not be answered generally. Of course those who have read the play in the original or those lovers of drama who though unable to read English look upon a foreign play as a study, not only enjoy but keenly appreciate the performance. Since Tokyo theatre-goers have learned by this time, perhaps to their cost, what it is like to sit out a foreign play, it is safe to deduce that the large audience which the present play draws every night comprises a very small percentage of those who have been induced only by the novelty of the thing. However small this percentage there was, and to these spectators "Macbeth" perhaps holds no greater attraction than that of being bizarre, incomprehensible and novel. But it is certainly less so than many a foreign play performed in a foreign tongue, which was attended by many Japanese stage crazes though they are absolutely ignorant of foreign languages.

RIDDLES TO THE AUDIENCE.

To a man like the reviewer whose reverence for Shakespeare is to some extent based upon the personal appreciation of the beauties of his words and thoughts, the presentation in Japanese of "Macbeth" is not only interesting but instructive; he can trace almost every sentence home to the original and feel strong sympathy with the labours of the translator. Dr. Mori's translation is almost faultless; it is futile to expect more from the Japanese language of today. If there are many passages which are riddles to the audience, the fault lies in the Japanese language itself; for it is hardly possible to hope for their full appreciation except by those who can read the passages in the original. Some passages sound almost as effective as the original, while others absolutely refuse to appeal to Japanese sympathy unless explained. This is plainly due to the language barrier arising from difference of customs and traditions. For instance such words as "devil," "witch," "hell" in their equivalent Japanese utterly fail to excite the same association as the originals. When Lady Macbeth says: "It is too full, the milk of human kindness," she seems to be expounding some conundrum; for there is little association between our milk and kindness, and the next words "To catch the nearest way" is wholly unintelligible, unless very liberally translated.

That which hath made them drunk hath made me bold;

What hath quenched them hath given me fire.

This famous outburst of Lady Macbeth does not give the impression that the lady has been drinking wine.

WHAT FOREIGN PLAYS TEACH.

"What's done is done," is also unintelligible in Japanese. Such instances are innumerable.

But on the other hand several passages struck me quite as forcible and natural as the original. Among others Macbeth's cry of surprise in presence of the witches beginning with "What are these?" and ending with "Live you?" or are you taught that man may question?" is almost wholly free from the favour of translation.

"I dare do all that may become a man;

"Who dares do more is none," sounds very natural.

The sleeping and the dead

Are but as pictures—'tis the eye of childhood

That fears a painted devil."

This passage is also very effective in Japanese. In short nearly all those passages whose beauty consists in play on words such as "If it were done when it is done," smiles, analogies, are lost upon the audience not understanding English.

Surely we must look to time for greater appreciation of any foreign play Japanese. The Bible in Japanese has become almost wholly intelligible now; why should not the literary translation of Shakespeare be so in due course of time? Among the many things that foreign plays are teaching to the Japanese the following two are among the most notable lessons.

That plays must be heard with the ears and intellectually digested as well as seen with the eyes.

That plays are not only the amusement of women and children but afford great material for intellectual exercise and delicate emotional pleasure of a very exalted nature.

ANOTHER STORY.

Again Shakespeare has appeared at the Imperial Theatre through "Macbeth"—but in a chloroformed and soulless tale, says another critic. The Modern Players' Society which undertook the weighty task of resurrecting the Stratford band, showed that they were more to do the undertakers' part in dealing with Shakespeare.

The criticism is made in judging the players as professionals, which they claim to be. If considered as an amateur production, the Modern Players' Society's "Macbeth" might be entitled to a good share of compliment. Mr. Rosi, who had charge of the stage management, performed his work with such art that the stage effects often made amends for the shortcomings on the part of the amateurish players.

LAUGHTER.

What it Does—or the Human Race.

ANTHROPE OF THINGS.

A new theory of laughter was expounded at the British Association on September 11 by Dr. W. McDougall, Oxford.

In the course of his paper Dr. McDougall, said that in every age laughter had presented to thoughtful minds a fascinating problem or series of problems. Great philosophers, from Aristotle to Bergson, and a host of less celebrated thinkers, had wrestled with these problems; but in spite of the display of a vast amount of ingenuity only a very moderate degree of success had attended these efforts. Herbert Spencer regarded laughter as the bodily expression of the overflow of nervous energy; the surplus energy engendered whether by bodily or mental processes, escaping by way of the motor nerves that were in most frequent use; those leading to the muscles of speech and respiration, because, as he supposed, these proved the most open, or easiest outlet.

A part from the questionable assumption that the nerves of speech and respiration provided the readiest channel of escape, this theory was inadequate, because there were many situations in face of which most of us were moved to laughter, when, nevertheless, there was no plausible reason to suppose that an access of nervous energy was liberating in our brains. Professor Bergson again said that what excited laughter was always the appearance of mechanical rigidity in the behaviour of our fellows, and that the function of laughter was to punish and so prevent the repetition of such mechanical behaviour. On the other hand, it was obvious that this theory also, in each of its two parts, failed to cover the field.

ANTHROPE OF THINGS.

What did laughter do for us? What advantages did we gain from the possession of the capacity of laughter as a part of our native endowment? The possession of this peculiar disposition shielded us from the depressing influence which the many minor misadventures and shortcomings of our fellows could exert upon us if we did not possess it, and which they did exert upon those unfortunate persons in whom the disposition seemed to be abnormally weak or altogether lacking. Laughter not only prevented our mind from dwelling upon these depressing objects, but it actually converted these objects into stimulants that promoted our well being, both bodily and mentally, instead of depressing us through sympathetic pain or distress. Laughter was, in fact, a fundamental part of our mental life. The sympathetic tendencies were of the greatest importance for our social life. If man was to rise from his animal condition it could only be through a great development of social life, and this was only rendered possible by the social development of the sympathetic tendencies of the species.

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Fook—Ngau Kark	8	牛腰
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Tail—Ngau Mei	18	牛尾

Live—Ngau Kon	11	12	牛肚
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Calve Head & Feet—Ngau Chai tau-kut	21		羊腰骨
Minion Chop—Young Pui Kwai	15	25	羊排
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ucking Pig, To Order—Chuan	22
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Chicken, — Kai Chi	30	雞仔
Squab, Large, small — Sin Kai	28	鴿
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Owls, Canton, — Kai	...	lb	53	貓頭鷹

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 codfish, — 20

Little Fish—Muk Ye	100	33	15	沙孟加
Sly—Sa Mang-Yu	100	31	16	黃尾魚
Woe—Wong Mei Lun	100	33	12	豚魚
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roga - Pak Kung Ya	12	白
roga - Pak Kung Ya	20	用

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Shobons, Long Ya	30	秋分
Shokatsu, Chi Ya	24	秋分
Shunk Fish, Yang Ya	28	秋分
Shunrei, Chi Ya	22	秋分
Shunrei, SeSoC	23	秋分
Shunrei, Kai Kung Ya	16	秋分
Shunrei, Tai Koo	16	秋分
Shunrei, Tai Koo	9	秋分
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are 44 light railways with a total mileage of 300 under construction or ready to start construction. In addition to these there are 126 light railways, with an aggregate mileage of 1053, which have obtained charters up to date. How many of these will actually be constructed is, of course, impossible to say, as no doubt some of them are speculative; but that the Japanese have determined to develop the subsidiary means of communication in the country is evident from the fact that the total number of companies extant and going to open business is 208, their lines extending to 3328 miles, not including those waiting for charter. In addition to these, the number of companies which have also remarkably increased recently, with the gradual development of cities and towns. The number of lines belonging to this category throughout the country is 124, with a total running mileage of 1082. Adding to these the newly-projected lines, for which charters have not yet been granted, the total number of the electric tramways reaches 182, with a mileage aggregating 1897. With the rapid increase of population and traffic in the commercial cities and towns, the methods of transport in Japan will soon attain greater development. The country is peculiarly fortunate in having abundance of water-power, which is being applied with much skill and energy for driving the machinery required for railways, tramways, and industrial purposes generally, and in recent years this has been so much taken advantage of that it is said that the amount of fuel used in Japan has been considerably reduced. These facts are mentioned to illustrate the keenness with which the Japanese take advantage of every opportunity to reduce cost and increase efficiency, and their success in these matters will give them a very strong position in the industrial competition, not only in the Far East, but also for some of their products, in the open markets of the world.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Vice-Governor Gilbert, of the Philippine Islands, has resigned and will probably leave this month.

The date of Mrs. Dora von Ollen's first visit to the island, which is to take place at St. Andrew's Hall, has been altered to November 1.

Seventeen gamblers who were found at 51, Aberdeen Street, by Detective Sergeant Murphy were fined \$3 each by Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's today.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending October 4 amounted to 40,661.72 tons and the sales during the period to 33,398.28 tons.

The collections in St. John's Cathedral next Sunday will be for the hospital. The preacher in the morning will be the Rev. N. C. Pope of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, and in the evening, the Bishop of Victoria.

A "Seafarers' Service" will be held at St. Peter's Church on Trafalgar Day, October 21st, at 10.30 a.m. Naval detachments will be present, and it is hoped that Bishop Potter, of Japan, will be the preacher.

At the Magistrate's today, before Mr. Wood, fourteen men were charged with gambling at 2a, Cleverly Street. Two of the defendants were fined \$1 each, and the remainder \$3 each or seven days.

The repairs to the M. M. liner Adriatic, which was unable to continue her journey to Japan a few days ago owing to a defect in the starboard condenser, are not yet completed. The ship is lying off the Kowloon Dock which has the work in hand.

P.C. Drury prosecuted a number of truck and rickshaw coolies before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's this morning for leaving their vehicles unattended. The coolies in most of the cases were that the defendants were at meals. They were fined \$3 each.

The Chen Chow correspondent of a Northern contemporary states that "The survey of the Canton-Hankow Railroad is making good progress. It is expected that construction will begin before the end of the year. Mr. Dow, the engineer in charge of the survey, will arrive here on a day or two from Hankow, where he has had a month's visit."

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A Chinese, aged about thirty years, was found in Pottinger Street yesterday in an apparently unquiet state of mind.

Q.M.S. Hady, of Gun Club Hill barracks, Kowloon, had a pair of binoculars, valued at \$80, stolen from his room on Tuesday.

A Chinese of 25, Pottinger Street, has told the police that a thief entered his house and stole a box containing clothing valued at \$30.

H.M.S. Fame arrived last night from Mrs. Day and the Chinese cruiser Hai Chi also came in. The Taku arrived here from Mrs. Day this morning.

Mr. T. K. Dealy, Headmaster of Queen's College, has reported to the police that some one has stolen from the basement of the College a couple of tennis rackets, valued at \$10.

While a Chinese married woman, living at 20, Second Street, was travelling on the steamer Kien Shan yesterday, someone stole from her luggage a small box containing jewelry and money, valued at \$70.

At the Magistrate's this afternoon, before Mr. Hazland, three Chinese were charged by Detective-Sergeant Brown with stealing several tons of patent fuel, valued at \$810.00, from the Naval Coal Depot at Tin Tin Tsai. Mr. Crow appeared for the defence, and the case is at hearing.

Before Mr. Hazland at the Magistrate's this morning, Inspector McCarthy charged sixteen men with opium smoking at No. 7, Tai Wo Street, a house which was used as an opium den. The first defendant, who was proved to be the keeper of the den, was fined \$250 of three months, and the remainder were fined \$2 each or five days.

THE SIBERIAN MAILS.

Readers will have noticed that the next Siberian mail is due on Sunday next by the steamer "Eneaus," which brings letters from London of the 24th and 27th ult. As the last full mail via Siberia arrived on Thursday last week it will be seen that, practically no home correspondence has come to hand for the past ten days. Time was, not so very long ago, when Hongkong residents could look forward to the receipt of at least two mails regularly each week, but recently there have been frequent delays, and it has been the rule rather than the exception for mails to be delivered out of their turn.

Lately matters seem to have gone from bad to worse, and the time seems to have come when some responsible body—the Chamber of Commerce or the Legislative Council—should press for an inquiry into the Siberian mail service. Apparently the fault does not rest with the Hongkong Postal Department; similar complaints are frequently made by Shanghai and other Northern communities. The British Post Office is frequently held up as a model, but it is evident that it has yet much to accomplish before its administration can be said to be anything like perfect. Hongkong, considering its important position in the Eastern commerce, has a right to a better overseas mail service, and should demand it.

A BOMB CASE IN HONGKONG.

A BASKETFUL OF BOMBS FOR M. P. S.

The Chief Civil Administrator of Chihli has wired to Government reporting the occurrence of another bomb case at Tientsin. On the 8th instant a rickshaw was found lying in a street at Hoppel. It was loaded with a handbag and a basket. The detectives felt suspicious and with the assistance of the police the rickshaw was taken to the police station where an examination was made. It was found that the basket contained bombs and in the bag there were two letters from Hsiao-ming to Hsiao Wen-hsin in which the latter was asked to make use of the bombs on the Members of Parliament after they have elected the formal President. A full investigation is being made by the Tientsin authorities into the case.—Peking Daily News.

ALLEGED BIG ROBBERY.

AND ASSAULT CHARGES.

At the Magistrate's this afternoon, before Mr. Wood, a Chinese, who until recently was a general assistant with a Chinese firm at 168 Wing Lok Street was charged with the robbery of about \$25,000.

Inspector Wain, who presented, stated that after the money was stolen, a reward was offered for the apprehension of the thief. An informant came forward and the defendant was found in a house in Canton. He had \$25,000 in his possession. Inspector Wain said he had seen the money and the defendant, who had been arrested, was found in a house in Canton. He had \$25,000 in his possession.

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Y.M.C.A. MEMBERS CONFER.

SUNDAY TENNIS SUGGESTED.

The second annual conference of members of the European section of the Y.M.C.A. brought together a large gathering at the association rooms last evening. The meeting was presided over by a dinner, Mr. F. G. White, the association secretary, presiding at both functions. Last year's conference was productive of a great many suggestions for the better working of the various activities of the association, and last evening the members listened to a number of most encouraging reports in most of which the results of last year's council were plainly discernible. Every departmental chairman had progress to report, and without exception their outlook upon the coming winter season was optimistic.

In the hotel many improvements have been made since the last conference, many of them affecting matters of administration. This department was reported upon by Mr. Kempthorne, whose painstaking work was acknowledged by Mr. White.

Mr. Hickling spoke of the difficulty of running more than two athletic clubs, hockey and tennis, and urged the members to give their support. This brought from Mr. Sied the suggestion that Sunday play on the tennis courts, under suitable restrictions, and quietly played would result in a large acquisition of members.

Mr. Hickling said the question of Sunday athletics was one which vitally affected the constitution of the association. One thing the association stood for was the observance of the Sabbath on abstention lines.

The matter was not further discussed. Mr. C. W. Randall, secretary of the Hockey Club, announced a practice match next Monday and spoke of the proposed Hockey League.

Mr. Crutcher Smith, as organizer of the outdoor section, outlined a programme of walks.

Mr. Hsieh reported upon the Chong Chong camp, stating that owing to the premature closure due to the typhoon, the season's working showed a deficit of \$80.

Mr. Bollinger, of the literary committee, and Mr. Manu, library secretary, both presented encouraging reports.

The Rev. C. C. Hickling, chairman of the publications committee, gave some information concerning a new magazine which is shortly to replace the "Association Bulletin."

Billiards were reported upon by Mr. Hickling, the chess club by Mr. Fuller, and a new camera club by Mr. Dovey, who announced the provision of a dark room which it is hoped to eventually make the best in the colony.

Mr. Harbord's outline of past endeavours and future hopes in regard to the religious activities of the association was couched in an optimistic strain and was listened to with much interest.

Mr. White fittingly closed the conference with an appeal to the members for a widening and deepening of outlook, and of their physical, mental and spiritual development.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. SITE FUND.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A.'s effort to raise \$30,000 to provide a site for the new headquarters building which is conditionally promised them closed last evening after a fortnight's strenuous collecting. The amount raised, almost exclusively from the Chinese of the Colony, just fell short of the sum aimed at, \$44,456 being the total. The members are confident of making up the \$50,000 in the very near future.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

PROMOTIONS.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to promote Lieutenants W. Bennett and G. E. Stewart to the rank of Captain, with effect from the 1st and 2nd instant, respectively.

The under-mentioned members having joined the Corps are allotted Corps Nos. and posted as follows.

No. 1459 Sapper A. B. Logan, Engineer Company.

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No. 1461 Pte. F. L. de Ros, Right Section M. G. Co.

No. 1462 M. Carvalho, Right Section M. G. Co.

No. 1463 Pte. G. C. Jorge, Right Section M. G. Co.

No. 1464 Pte. F. M. Boares, Right Section M. G. Co.

RETIRED.

Pte. H. Maxwell is permitted to resign, dated 15. 10. 13.

Bombardier W. Anderson is permitted to resign, dated 15. 10. 13.

Sapper J. Leonard is permitted to resign, dated 15. 10. 13.

STRENGTHENING CLASSES.

Provided sufficient names are forwarded to the Staff Officer on or before the 30th inst., a gymnastic class will be formed during the winter months. In the event of insufficient numbers joining the appropriate class officers will be directed.

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CURIOUS CHINESE MARRIAGE.

PREDESTINED IN HEAVEN.

Leads to Damages in Court.

A case arising out of a Chinese marriage which, according to quaintly worded documents read in Court at the previous hearing, was "predestined in Heaven" was concluded in the Summary Court this morning before the Pui-nai Judge, Mr. Justice Kemp.

Li Tsang Shi of 66, Second Street, 2nd floor, a widow, was the plaintiff, and the defendant, who was the husband of a So, daughter of the plaintiff, in that the said Ho Hing Chau would allow the plaintiff to visit her daughter at any time. (2) The marriage took place on November 25, 1912. (3) The plaintiff wanted to the family house of Ho Hing Chau on June 21st, 1913, and she was refused permission to see her daughter. (4) The plaintiff claims the sum of \$10 special damages, being the expenses of her journey to Ho Fung district; and \$900 general damages.

Mr. G. Haywood, of Mr. Leo D'Almeida 5 Castro's office, appeared for defendant, and Mr. C. F. Mason, of Mr. F. X. D'Almeida's office, for plaintiff.

Further evidence was called for the defence this morning after which the solicitors addressed the court.

Mr. Haywood submitted that the evidence showed that the agreement upon which the plaintiff relied was a marriage brokerage contract, and was therefore void. There were a number of decisions on this point. He contended also that it had been proved that the contract was signed after the marriage took place; if that were so no consideration had been shown. Mr. Haywood was proceeding to deal with the question of the letters said to have been written by the plaintiffs to Ho Hing Chau, when Mr. Mason objected that these letters had not been proved. Plaintiff denied all knowledge of them and rebutting evidence had not been called.

His Lordship agreed that the letters were not proved, and Mr. Haywood did not proceed with this point.

Proceeding, Mr. Haywood pointed out that Mr. Wong, the court interpreter, had stated that the fact that the girl went away in a motor-car after the ceremony was absolutely inconsistent with the documents being marriage documents. It was quite clear, that there was no marriage at all and that the defendant simply took the girl as his concubine. If that was so, and the mother knew of it, it constituted an immoral consideration and would not support the guarantee. His Lordship would have to be against him upon every point. Mr. Haywood added, to give judgment against him. If he was against him he submitted that the \$10 which had been paid into court was an ample sum for damages. There could not be much affection between a mother and a daughter whom she sold outright for \$840 odd.

Mr. Mason, submitting that the evidence showed that the guarantee was signed before the marriage, pointed out that the only witness who gave evidence to the contrary contradicted himself in material particulars. The best evidence which could have been called, that of the son-in-law and the plaintiff's daughter, had not been called. It would have been quite possible for them to attend. He submitted that the document was signed before the marriage, and that plaintiff had no knowledge that her daughter was going as a concubine; she thought the marriage was a bona fide marriage, and that her daughter was going away as a bride.

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WHAT NIGERIA HAS TO OFFER.

PRIZE FOR SIR FREDERICK LUGARD.

YAS Mineral Wealth.

Sir Frederick Lugard, who sailed on the 10th ult. for his post as Governor of the new amalgamated colonies of Southern and Northern Nigeria, was accompanied by Mr. John Eaglesome, C.M.G., director of the rapidly constructing Nigerian railways, and by Captain Child, Director of Nigerian Marine. One of the first visits of the Governor will be to Port Harcourt, the terminus of the trunk railroad, and the Udi coalfields, the vast "juju centres" recently explored by Lieutenant Hughes, R.N.R., which the West African Government intends to control.

Mr. William Neale, a gentleman with large interests in Northern Nigeria, returned recently from Nigeria, the seat of the Government offices. He is now in London arranging for a Nigerian exhibition, which he thinks will do much for British trade in the colony, at present threatened by German and French competition.

Sir Frederick Lugard is an ideal man for Nigeria," said Mr. Neale to a "Standard" representative: "he has done for West Africa almost as much as Mr. Rhodes did for the Transvaal. He raised the West African frontier forces which he was High Commissioner for the hinterland of Nigeria and Legas, and look how he punished the slave traders on Lake Nyasa and the wonderful work he did for the Royal Niger Company. He has never spared himself, and has been severely wounded on more than one occasion. 'I believe in being in front of my men,' he is reported to have said when it was suggested that he should seek shelter during a fierce engagement. Everybody, that is to say every white man, swears by Sir Frederick Lugard in Nigeria. His military and administrative achievements serve as a brilliant page in colonial history."

"Do I like Nigeria and its climate? Well, it is not quite so pleasant as a club window in St. James's street when London is alive in July; but perhaps there are more comfortable places. You cannot get over the African sun, or the African damp, or the African insect of various varieties of stings, and the other and many interesting animals and reptiles who are most interesting in a zoological collection, but most unwelcome in the vicinity of the happy home. I have a camp of my own on the Benue river, not very far from Nsargu; it is a little town in the way, and I am king there. I have got a house of mud and plank, with a dining hall 24 ft. by 16 ft., and wide verandahs. My bed-room is

BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE CARDIFF COLLIERY CALAMITY.

BODIES BEING RECOVERED.

LONDON, Oct. 16.

No less than thirty-eight bodies were discovered during a twenty-four hours' search, forty-nine have passed through the mortuary and 368 miners are still unaccounted for.

THE VICTIMS' DEPENDANTS.

It is estimated that the dependants of the victims total one thousand, and the loss to the colliery company is given as nearly £100,000.

RELIEF FUND OPENED.

The Lord Mayor of Cardiff has opened a relief fund.

ROYAL SYMPATHY.

By command of the King, and the wish of Prince Arthur and his bride, the general public are being permitted to view the wedding presents at a charge of one shilling, the proceeds to be given to the Lord Mayor's fund. The Prince and his bride have telegraphed the widows and fatherless children as follows:—"At the moment of our great happiness our thoughts turn to you. We feel deeply with you in your sorrow."

AN ENORMOUS DEATH ROLL.

417 LIVES LOST.

A later telegram states that the death roll shows that 417 lives were lost. This is the worst British disaster for seventy years. Already seventy bodies have been recovered.

MONTENEGRINS REPULSE THE ALBANIANS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

A telegram from Cetinje states that after two days' fighting the Montenegrins repulsed the Albanians, the whole frontier pursuing.

TROUBLED MEXICO.

DIPLOMATISTS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

A New York message states that a conference of Diplomats in Mexico City yesterday decided to recommend their respective Governments to send warships to Mexico in order to furnish legation guards in case it may be necessary.

A Berlin telegram states that the German cruisers Vineta and Hertha have been ordered to Mexico in view of the disquieting situation there.

CANADA AND IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

NO EXPENDITURE ON AIR CRAFT MEANTIME.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The Canadian Minister, Mr. Hughes, interviewed by Reuter in London, affirmed that Canada would do its duty in Imperial defence. Referring to aeroplanes he said that the Dominion would not spend a dollar until air craft had reached a state approaching more nearly to perfection.

THE RAILWAY COLLISION AT LIVERPOOL.

SIX PERSONS KILLED.

LONDON, Oct. 16.

Six persons were killed in the collision (referred to yesterday) as having occurred at St. James's Station, Liverpool. Most of the injured passengers are foreigners who were returning from America to the Continent. Both trains were electrically illuminated and, as a consequence, there was no fire. The train was brought to a standstill at the mouth of the tunnel, a passenger having pulled the communication cord.

THE PREMIER'S SON.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

LONDON, Oct. 16.

Mr. Cyril Asquith has been admitted as a Fellow of Magdalen, rivaling his father and brother. Mr. Cyril was operated on for appendicitis on the day of his election, and is progressing favourably.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THREE BATTLESHIPS FOR CANADA.

TO BE BUILT IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

A telegram from Ottawa states that the Citizen, the Government organ, announces that a Bill is to be introduced authorising the purchase by Canada of three battleships which are being built in England, to be placed at the disposal of the Admiralty. As the Bill will be a money Bill it cannot be amended, and the Senate must either accept it as it stands or reject it.

GOVERNOR SULZER'S IMPEACHMENT.

FOUND GUILTY ON SPECIFIC CHARGES.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

A telegram from Albany, U.S.A., states that the court before whom Governor Sulzer was impeached, found him guilty of filing a false statement regarding his contributions to the Tammany Hall campaign. The verdict was given today.

THE ATLANTIC DISASTER.

THE CREW'S CONDUCT.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

A New York telegram states that the Kronland arrived there with the survivors of the Valturino, who were loudly cheered as they landed. Mr. Inch, interviewed, denied that he used a pistol to subdue the crew, who, he said, did all that was possible to help the passengers.

AN IMPROVED DREADNOUGHT FOR BRAZIL.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The Rio de Janeiro Council of Ministers have decided to sell the Dreadnought now being constructed at Elswick Works, Newcastle on Tyne, England, and build another of an improved type.

THE SUPER-DREADNOUGHTS GUNS.

Another telegram states that the super-Dreadnought, Queen Elizabeth, launched at Portsmouth, will be oil driven and carry fifteen inch guns broadside, of 15,000 lbs., and sixteen six inch guns.

A BATTLESHIP INNOVATION.

AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The most striking innovation on the new battleship, Queen Elizabeth, is an anti-aircraft battery.

THE GULF-HOENZOLLERN FEUD.

CROWN PRINCE ENTERS THE CONTROVERSY.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

A telegram from Berlin states that the German Crown Prince has again personally intervened in politics, having written to the Chancellor stating his objections to Ernst August's accession to the Brunswick Duchy until Ernst August definitely renounces his claim for himself and his descendants.

CHINESE NEWS.

PEKING, Oct. 16.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS.

The two Houses will select a date on which an entertainment will be given to the Foreign Ministers and guests.

TARIFF REVISION.

The Department of Foreign Affairs has requested the Foreign Legations to revise the tariff. The Foreign Ministers will hold a meeting before giving their reply.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 16.

STEAMSHIP CO. DEMANDS COMPENSATION.

The Directors of the China Steam Navigation Company propose at a meeting to demand compensation from the Central Government for the losses incurred by them during the revolution, owing to the paralization of their shipping trade.

SPORTING.

Association Football.

83rd Coy., R.G.A. v. D.C.L.I. Band. These teams lined out on the Military ground yesterday afternoon to contest Second Division, United Service League points.

Tennis 83rd Coy., R.G.A.—S. Colmer; Buckley, Langford; Frost, Perry, Steven, son; Green, Crane, Franks, Woodbridge, Philip.

D.C.L.I. Band—Ward; Wilcocks, Alexander; Smith, Cann, Briscoe; Wright, Nightingale, Howell, Candler, James. Referee, Mr. F. Wright.

It was some time before either team settled down to anything like a good game. It was Crane that started things going, a terrific shot of his going into the side net so close to the post that it looked like a goal. Perry had the ball right in front of goal and waited until Wilcocks left Woodbridge to tackle and then passed to the inside left who netted the gunners' first point with a fine low drive. The Band played quite nicely, their passing was good but all the forwards seemed to dislike the responibility of shooting, so they kept passing from one to the other. Howell did try a header but it went over the bar. Stevens nearly did the trick against his own side, a shot from him in trying to stop Candler hitting the post before going for a corner. The bandmen were conceded many corners at this time and the equaliser looked certain to come. It did, but only after much pressure. Wright, after manoeuvring neatly with Nightingale, put across a low centre and the gunners' defence kept very muddled. Nightingale put the ball on goal, Colmer being yards out of goal. Nightingale made a nice run before the interval, finishing with a shot that went into the side net. At half-time the score was 1-0.

83rd Coy., R.G.A. 1; D.C.L.I. Band, 0.

The gunners practically restarted with a goal. Green went along on the wing. Ward judiciously left his goal to tackle with the result that, when Green centred, Crane had only to push the ball into an empty net. Nothing daunted, the Band attacked strongly and from a corner Nightingale netted during a scrimmage. For a time the Band quite over-played the gunners. Colmer was all but hustled through with the ball and then Wright missed at close range. After being on the defensive for some time, Crane broke away to put the gunners in front. This was hard luck for the Band who had now shot their bolt. Just on time Philip centred for Crane to score the fourth and last. Result:—83rd Coy., R.G.A. 4; D.C.L.I. Band, 2.

83rd Coy., R.G.A. v. ROEMANIS.

These teams played a friendly match at the Dockyard yesterday evening. Draper scored from a penalty for the gunners in the opening half; Lyons equalising in the second moiety. An even game resulted.—83rd Coy., R.G.A. 1; Submarines, 1.

A match will take place to-morrow afternoon on the H. E. F. C. Ground, Happy Valley, between the following teams representing Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Kick off at 4.30 p.m.

Way going:—

H. C. Jones Goal K. Longmire
R. P. Thurnfield Backs F. C. Hall
H. G. Hegarty Backs E. F. Audest
F. A. Gace Half J. C. Taylor
C. J. Cooke Half D. Campbell
P. S. Cassidy Backs C. B. Hewitt
H. G. Jenson Backs D. R. Mackenzie
R. P. Thurnfield Backs F. H. Coleman
K. E. Forde forwards W. B. Rigdon
M. A. Murray forwards C. Woodhead
W. McCulloch Backs R. Kennedy

United Services League.

SECOND DIVISION TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Goals	pts
D.C.L.I. Res.	3	2	1	0	8	5
83 Coy. R.G.A.	2	1	0	0	6	2
Submarines	2	1	1	0	7	2
7th Coy. Res.	2	1	1	0	7	2
88 Coy. R.G.A.	1	0	0	4	0	2
87 Coy. R.G.A.	1	1	0	0	2	2
D.C.L.I. Band	2	0	1	1	4	1
Police	2	0	1	1	4	1
R.E. Reserves	2	0	1	1	4	1
Staff and Dep.	2	0	0	2	9	0
D.C.L.I. Buglers	3	0	0	3	1	9

Cricket.

CRICKENOWERS v. CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

This friendly fixture will be played to-morrow at 2 p.m. on the Crickengower house club—L. A. Rose, E. L. Briggs, G. A. Hancock, R. A. Carvalho, J. V. Briggs, G. R. Southerton, Dr. M. E. Asger, R. Pastonji, J. Jex, J. S. Norris and R. Egan.

87th Coy., R.G.A. v. 83rd Coy., R.G.A.

This match was played at the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, a draw resulting. Scores:—

87th Coy., R.G.A.

Lieut. Collins, b Winkworth	27
Br. McCubbin, b Bryson	0
Lieut. Taylor, retired	61
Br. Clarke, c Sleath b Bryson	27
Major Currie, c Sleath b Doe	52
Gr. Grouder, b Doe	0
Corpl. Goodrich, b Bonnett	0
Gr. Jenner, b Doe	13
Gr. Clinch, c Bryson b Bonnett	0
Gr. Cooke, c Bryson b Bonnett	0
Gr. Gathers, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	111

Bowling: Winkworth, 1 wicket for 44 runs; Bryson 2 for 32; Bonnett 3 for 25; Doe 3 for 34.

83rd Coy., R.G.A.	153
Corpl. Winkworth, c Collins, b Clinch	20
Corpl. Doe, b Clinch	9
Br. Bryson, c and b Clinch	3
Gr. Wright, b Taylor	32
Gr. Bonford, c Gathers, b Clinch	0
Gr. Bonnett, c Clinch, b Taylor	1
Br. Sleath, b Taylor	31
Br. Allard, not out	11
Gr. Goodwin, not out	10
Gr. Martin, did not bat	0
Br. Rogers, did not bat	0
Extras	10

Total ... 153
Bowling: Clinch 4 wickets for 40 runs; Taylor 3 for 45.

H.M. TAMAR, v. R.A.M.C.

The Naval team won this match at the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon by 34 runs. Scores:—

H.M. TAMAR.	47
Capt. Farmer, c Moore b Davis	47
French, b Davis	32
Mr. Gilroy, c b Davis	0
Harris, b Davis	0
Major Morgan, b Davis	0
Commodore Anstruther, b Riley	3
Hyde, c b Davis	3
Forrest, c Davis b Riley	0
Brimley, b Davis	0
Martin, b Riley	0
Leigh, not out	1
Extras	4
Total	100

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Riley	10	1	27	3
Waterson	4	0	12	0
Davis	10	1	38	7
Worswick	4	0	19	0

R. A. M. C.

Pte. Waterson, b Morgan	4
Corpl. Kay, c French, b Hyde	4
Sgt. Robinson, c Martin, b Hyde	0
Sgt. Major Davis, b Morgan	10
Staff Sgt. Worswick, b Morgan	10
Pte. Riley, b Morgan	12
Pte. Shipton, c French, b Morgan	13
Sgt. Edgar, c and b Farmer	4
Sgt. Morgan, b Farmer	1
Sgt. Humphries, c French, b Morgan	1
Pte. Evans, not out	2
Extras	6
Total	68

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Major Morgan	10	1	22	6
Hyde	5	1	22	0
Capt. Farmer	4	1	16	2

D.C.L.I. Sports.

SEVERAL OPEN EVENTS.

The Regimental championship and Gynkhan Sports of the 2nd Batt. Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry take place on the Race Course of Thursday November 6 and the two following days, and we would call attention to the fact that the programme, which promises to be an unusually interesting one, contains several open to the other units of the Garrison.

The Navy, Volunteers and European police, and others in which children attending the garrison schools may compete. The former events include a mile scratch race for N.C.D.'s and men of the H.K. S. Bn. and Indian units, a similar race for Army, Navy, Volunteers and European Police, and an open tug of war. It is hoped that there will be a large entry for these events, for which there are no entry fees.

Lawn Bowls Championship.

The final of the Lawn Bowls Championship will be played off on Saturday at the Police Club green, Happy Valley.

The Lawn Bowls League.

TO-MORROW'S FINAL.

The postponed final of the open singles championship of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League will be played off to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 p.m. on the Police greens, Happy Valley.

The finalists are Messrs Russell (Kowloon) and Dorrington (Taikeo) Messrs Pile and Simpson will play for third and fourth prizes.

Mrs. McIver Messer will present the prizes, also the fine trophy—"The Perfection Cup" presented by Messrs D. J. McCulloch and Co., Edinburgh, to the league champion club (Taikeo). Members and friends of the competing clubs are invited to be present.

THE FUEL OF THE FUTURE.

Professor Biddall advocates a new method of utilizing coal in order to meet future demands for liquid and gaseous fuels, and to increase radical production. He states that a coal-field yielding a good cooking coal, and capable of furnishing a supply for some twenty-five or thirty years should be selected. Carbonisation plant would be arranged at the pit-head, the tube discharging into the bunkers of the retort-charging machines. The size of each plant would be for about 2000 tons per day. The coke and sulphate of ammonia might be shipped direct from the pit-head. The tar and gas would be piped to suitable points for further treatment; the tar being passed through automatic stills and the best oils extracted. The gas not required for firing the stills would be used in gas engines for the generation of electricity at high voltage, to be distributed to towns, railways, &c. The gas-engine, though of small size compared with the steam-engine, could, in Professor Biddall's view, compete with them from the point of view of thermal efficiency. The gas-engine could produce electricity more cheaply than the turbines. The price of gas of 550 B.T.U. per cu. ft. would have to be about 4d. per 1000, if coal were taken at 2s. per ton. This would give for each fuel 125,000 B.T.U. per cu. ft., taking the gas engine at 21 times as efficient as the turbine. The exhaust gases would be washed to extract the sulphuric acid, which would be returned to the pit-head.—*Engineering.*

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CONSTABLE CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

A case was heard at the Magistracy to-day arising out of the inquest which was opened this week on a man who died during a gambling raid which was being executed by the police at Shaikwan. The deceased was alleged to have been struck with a truncheon. The Chinese constable who was stated to have hit the man was charged with manslaughter before Mr. Hazeland. A remand was ordered.

SUICIDE OF TWO GIRLS.

A verdict of temporary insanity was returned recently when the Mahobosher Coroner held an inquest on Emma Irene Harrison and Laura Grant, each aged eighteen years, who had lived at Patricroft, and whose bodies were found in the canal on Saturday night. In the case of Grant, which was left upon the bank, was a letter in which she stated that what she was about to do was for the best. She concluded with the remark: "Everybody's doing it." This letter was endorsed in the handwriting of the other girl, taking farewell of her parents, brothers, and sisters. The evidence showed that both girls had been in indifferent health and unable to work regularly.

WOMAN IN MAN'S CLOTHES.

From a cell in Brooklyn Gaol a young woman named Elizabeth Trondle has addressed a personal appeal to President Wilson to issue to her a special permit allowing her to dress as a man. The prisoner, a woman of handsome, athletic build, explains the Mail, says that she has been repeatedly arrested for wearing man's clothing, and is now in prison because she refused to "don" woman's dress. She says that, as a woman she was obliged to work for 24s. a week and endure many slights and insults, whereas in the garb of a man she obtained employment as a bookbinder at a salary of 3s. a week. "As a man," she writes, "I am better respected and better paid. If I can do man's work, surely it is not a crime for me, a female, to wear man's clothes." President Wilson has not replied to the petition.

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